

estimated at between 7,000 and 8,000. In the neighbouring republic, the fatality from this disease is, by the best authorities, rated at 150,000 annually. In Great Britain and the Continent the results from this malady are not encouraging. Do not such records touch the sensibilities of all concerned? We are here to-day representing the homes and firesides of our Canadian people, to consider what can be done under the trying circumstances. The national and civic interest in this subject, aroused within the past few years, gives evidence of the determination to stamp out tuberculosis as far as possible. Our ideas of this disease have changed from heredity and incurability to communicability and curability, thanks to the marked progress of scientific investigation. The prevalence of this disease among the poorer classes in small houses, without adequate nursing or physicians to guide and direct them, and frequently shut out from general hospitals owing to the danger of communication and the want of special space, develops a most difficult and trying problem that demands immediate solution.

A series of resolutions has been carefully formulated and is now to be presented, taking up *seriatim* the chief points for consideration; and I feel confident that in the hands of many of the master minds of the profession in Canada, as well as lay members of well-known practical ability in the affairs of everyday life, great good will result from the untiring efforts of His Excellency to guard the best interests of our people.

Resolution No. I.

Whereas, in view of the general prevalence of Tuberculosis in Canada, and of the very high mortality caused by the disease; in view of the communicable nature of the same, and of the constant and continued dangers caused by its chronic and usually prolonged course, during which a patient may infect not only one house but many other places of temporary or permanent abode; and especially in view of scientific facts going to show the curability as well as the moderately contagious character of the disease in its early stages:—

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Conference, which represents the Governments and people of every part of Canada, it is the duty of every Government, Municipality, and individual citizen to adopt organized methods for lessening the spread of a disease which is causing directly or indirectly probably one-fifth of the total deaths in the Dominion.